

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
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For Work Week Commencing: November 20, 2006

Commission Meeting: November 21, 2006, **8:30 a.m.**

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8:30 a.m. Weekly Scheduling (Commission Conference Room – No Web Audio Feed)

9:00 a.m. Business (Bollinger Room)

Public Comments

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. Qwest N2006.11.160 (Scott)

On November 3, 2006, Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 06-17, change to Term Discount Pricing for Qwest Choice Business and Qwest Choice Business Plus. Qwest is proposing to reduce the number of qualifying lines and/or packages a customer must subscribe to in order to get Term Discount Pricing

associated with Qwest Choice Business and Qwest Choice Business Plus. The number of lines and/or packages will be reduced from four to three. Probable Motion: Approve Qwest's Tariff Transmittal 06-17 in Docket N2006.11.160.

Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. D2006.8.121 – IDT America – Complaint of IDT v. CenturyTel pursuant to expedited complaint statute – To act on IDT motion to withdraw. (11/21/06)
2. D2006.3.39 – Qwest – Protective order request – To act on protective order request. (11/21/06)
3. N2006.5.60 – Commission consideration of the adoption of Energy Policy Act of 2005 standards regarding net metering, fuel diversity, fossil fuel generation efficiency, smart metering and interconnection – Discuss/act on staff recommendations. (11/21/06)
4. D2003.7.86, D2004.6.96, and D2005.6.103 – NWE – Consolidated QF dockets – Discuss and get the Commission's decisions on any and all matters that relate to issuing a final order. (11/21/06)
5. FERC Dockets EL06-105 & ER07-46 – Update the Commissioners on the activity in and status of the FERC dockets which involve applications by NWE with respect to transmission rates in Montana. (11/21/06)
6. D2006.6.89 – West Montana Ventures, LLC – Transfer of Ownership – Close docket. (11/21/06)
7. Legislation – To discuss draft legislation on periodic rate review and natural gas USB. (11/21/06)
8. PSC – Possible amendment of PSC protective order rules – Preliminary discussion, direction, and action on possible amendment to rules related to identifications and summaries of protected information. (11/21/06)

Other Meetings

Weekly Scheduling – Will be held at **8:30 a.m.** on the day of the Commission Meeting

Advanced Coal Technology/Renewable Energy Panel Presentation - Tuesday, November 21, at 1:00 p.m. – Capitol Room 172

Notice Items All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda. Public comments on a noticed matter may also be submitted within the required time through the PSC's web-based comment form at <http://psc.mt.gov/Consumers/comments>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

1. Qwest Corporation N2006.11.162 (Gary)

On November 10, 2006 Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed for Commission approval a Multi-State Agreement (MSA) between Qwest and Wells Fargo Bank (Wells Fargo). Qwest is filing the MSA with the Commission for approval pursuant to Section 2.18 (Large Business Customers With a Multi-State Presence) of its Exchange and Network Service Tariff, and pursuant to the Commission's April 16, 2004 Notice of Commission Action (NCA) in Docket N2003.10.149. Also pursuant to the NCA, Qwest filed proprietary cost information. The MSA is the result of an RFP bid with multiple vendors completing a very detailed pricing request. The RFP was issued to all vendors competing for the customer's services.

2. Qwest Corporation N2006.11.161
(Gary)

On November 8, 2006 Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed for Commission approval a Multi-State Agreement (MSA) between Qwest and W.W. Grainger. Qwest is filing the MSA with the Commission for approval pursuant to Section 2.18 (Large Business Customers With a Multi-State Presence) of

its Exchange and Network Service Tariff, and pursuant to the Commission's April 16, 2004 Notice of Commission Action (NCA) in Docket N2003.10.149. Also pursuant to the NCA, Qwest filed proprietary cost information. The MSA is the result of competitive bids sought by W.W. Grainger for various telecommunications services. The services purchased from Qwest by W. W. Grainger are available from other competitive carriers in addition to Qwest.

3. Coral Energy Resources, L.P. N2006.11.164 (JOEL)

On November 13, 2006 the Commission received an application from Coral Energy Resources, L.P. for a license to supply natural gas in Montana.

4. MDU Resources Group, Inc. D2006.11.165 (Eric)

On November 13, 2006, MDU Resources Group, Inc. applied for authority to issue over a two-year period \$150,000,000 of short-term financing in the form of unsecured promissory notes and/or commercial paper. The proceeds of these issuances will be used for funding the Company's capital requirements, for the refunding of its outstanding obligations, for corporate development including the acquisition of businesses or corporate development purposes and for other general corporate purposes.

5. Qwest N2006.11.163 (Scott)

On November 8, 2006, Qwest filed tariff Transmittal 06-18, Move 800 Serviceline Option to the Obsolete Section. 800 Serviceline and Ancillary WATS will no longer be available to new customers. There is no change to rates or to the service for the existing customers. The existing customers may retain the service as long as Qwest continues to offer it and as long as the customer does not move to another address or make changes to their service.

6. Citizens Telecommunications N2006.11.167 (Scott)

On November 9, 2006, Citizens filed Advice Letter No. MT-06-11. The purpose of this filing is to include limitation of liability language within its Customized Local Area Signaling Service product offering.

Protective Orders – Notice Items The Commission has received the following requests for protective order pursuant to ARM 38.2.5007. The Commission will rule on the requests no earlier than 10 days after the publication date of this agenda. Comments on the requests may be submitted at any time prior to ruling. Any person wanting a copy of a protective order request should contact the Commission at (406) 444-6199.

1. Coral Energy Resources, L.P. N2006.11.164 (Martin)

On November 13, 2006, Coral Energy Resources, L.P., and Coral Energy Holding, L.P., filed a Motion for Protective Order to govern disclosure of consolidated financial statements and supporting information in the above docket, which is an application for a natural gas supplier license, stating the identified information is trade secret and confidential competitively-sensitive information

Protective Orders – Information Items The Commission has issued the following protective orders. These orders may be challenged pursuant to ARM 38.2.5008. Copies of these orders may be obtained by calling the Commission at (406) 444-6199.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

New Filings Received in Past Week

N2006.11.162 – Qwest Corporation and Wells Fargo Bank, NA. – Master service agreement.

N2006.11.163 – Qwest Corporation – Tariff transmittal 06-18 and price list – Move 800 service line option to the obsolete section.

N2006.11.164 – Coral Energy Resources, L.P. – Application for natural gas supplier license.

D2006.11.165 – MDU Resources Group, Inc. – Application for authorization for the issuance of promissory notes and/or commercial paper.

D2006.11.166 – Qwest Corporation - Voluntarily negotiated interconnection agreement between Qwest Corporation and Ygnition Network, Inc.

N2006.11.167 – Citizens Telecommunications Company of Montana – Tariff pages for customized local area signaling service.

N2006.11.168 – Mountain Water Company – Application for changes to its main extension tariffs.